

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 02734.0560-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application of:)
Erland SANDSTROM et al.) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Original Patent No.: 6,379,497 B1) Examiner: Unassigned
Original Patent Issue Date: April 30, 2002)
For: BULK ENHANCED PAPERBOARD AND)
SHAPED PRODUCTS MADE)
THEREFROM)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

REISSUE DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.175

We, Erland R. SANDSTROM, Kenneth J. SHANTON, and Dean P. SWOBODA, all citizens of the United States, with residences and post office addresses as listed below, do hereby state and declare as follows:

1. We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in United States Patent No. 6,379,497, granted on April 30, 2002, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled "BULK ENHANCED PAPERBOARD AND SHAPED PRODUCTS MADE THEREFROM."

2. We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the original patent claims, and the specification and claims in the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith.

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3. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this reissue application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).
4. We believe that U.S. Patent No. 6,379,497, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(a)(1), is at least partly inoperative or invalid by reason of a defective specification or drawing, or by reason of our claiming more or less than we had the right to claim in the patent.
5. At least one error which is a statutory basis for reissue is that the recited GM Taber stiffness multiplier value of $0.0084w^{2.63}$ was misstated both in the specification and the claims of the issued patent. Further, the units for the GM Taber stiffness multiplier values were stated incorrectly. Figs. 12-15 possess incorrect legends; the captions for the line points were switched at the time formal drawings were filed. In addition, the values for GM Taber and tensile stiffness recited in dependent claims 2 and 34-35 do not fall within the range of values stated in claim 1, upon which they depend. Further, the specification and the claims contain several typographical errors.
6. The above-described errors and all other errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intent.
7. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE, OFFER TO SURRENDER
ORIGINAL PATENT, AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)**

U.S. Patent No. 6,379,497 is assigned to Fort James Corporation as assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in said patent by virtue of an assignment recorded at Reel 010268, Frame 0370 on September 27, 1999.

Fort James Corporation hereby consents to the accompanying application for the reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,379,497. In addition, Fort James Corporation hereby offers to surrender U.S. Patent No. 6,379,497 when the reissue application is otherwise in condition for allowance.

The undersigned, whose title is supplied below, is empowered to sign this document on behalf of the assignee.

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